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PRESENTATION SYSTEM FOR COMPRESSION TRAIN CONFIGURATION INFORMATION

TECHNICAL FIELD

The described technology generally relates to a user interface for accessing compression train configuration information.

BACKGROUND

It has traditionally been both time-consuming and expensive for purchasers of compression trains to identify the appropriate configuration for their power plants. These purchasers typically send their technical data in the form of a request for proposal via facsimile or electronic mail to a local sales representative of a seller of compression trains. This local sales representative in turn forwards that technical data to engineers who perform the technical selection of the configuration, prepare a detailed proposal, and forward the proposal to the local sales representative. The local sales representative then presents the proposal to the potential purchaser. The process from the receipt of a request for proposal by a local sales representative to the selecting and presenting of the proposal to the potential purchaser can take several weeks.

This process can take even longer when the technical data that is received from a potential purchaser is missing certain important data without which a selection cannot be made. In addition, the technical data supplied by the potential purchaser may be internally inconsistent and thus needs to be clarified before a proposal can be prepared. As a result, the engineers often need to ask the local sales representative to collect additional information from the potential purchaser, which further delays the selecting and presenting of the proposal.

Any delay in the selecting and presenting of a proposal is problematic. The first seller who provides a proposal for a project may have a competitive advantage over other sellers who provide their proposals a week or two later. Also, the potential purchaser's requirements may change frequently when the feasibility of the project is being evaluated. A

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seller who can rapidly respond to these changes in requirements will have an advantage over sellers who cannot.

It would be desirable to have a system that would allow potential purchasers to easily identify configurations of compression trains which will satisfy the operating conditions of their project, specify the scope of supply for the purchase of that configuration, and request a quotation for the purchase of the compression train with the specified scope of supply.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 illustrates the initial display page of the presentation system.

Figure 2 illustrates a display page with the list of currently defined projects for a user.

Figure 3 illustrates a display page with a list of configuration data sets for a project.

Figure 4 illustrates a display page for the results of a configuration data set when a request for quotation has already been sent to a seller.

Figure 5 illustrates a display page for the results of the configuration data set when a request for quotation has not been sent to a seller.

Figure 6 illustrates a display page for input of general data for a configuration data set.

Figure 7 illustrates the a display page for input of compression data for configuration data set.

Figure 8 illustrates a display page for input of fuel gas composition information.

Figure 9 illustrates a display page for input of processed gas composition information.

Figure 10 illustrates a display page for output of the configuration results.

Figure 11 illustrates a display page that display is more detailed configuration results data.

Figure 12 illustrates a display page for saving the configuration data set.

Figure 13 illustrates a display page for entry of general data for a new RFC&Q.

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data.

Figure 14 illustrates a display page for entry of compression related data for a new RFC&Q data set.

Figure 15 illustrates a display page showing summary data before saving the RFC&Q data.

Figure 16 illustrates a display page showing summary data after saving the RFC&Q data.

Figure 17 illustrates a display page showing the RFC&Q data that has been defined.

Figure 18 illustrates a display page with summary data for an RFC&Q for which no RFQ has been submitted.

Figure 19 illustrates a display page that lists verifications for RFC&Q data.

Figure 20 illustrates a display page for entry of a new verification.

Figure 21 illustrates a display page for entry of compression related verification

Figure 22 illustrates a display page for showing summary data for a verification.

Figure 23 illustrates a display page for specifying a layout design.

Figure 24 illustrates a display page for displaying the graphics of a layout.

Figure 25 illustrates a display page for an RFQ checklist for a compressor without the driver.

Figure 26 illustrates a display page for entry of an RFQ checklist with an electric motor.

Figure 27 illustrates a display page for entry of an RFQ checklist with a turbocompressor.

Figure 28 illustrates a display page for submitting an RFQ.

Figure 29 is a block diagram illustrating the components of the presentation system in one embodiment.

Figure 30 is a flow diagram illustrating the processing of the list of projects component in one embodiment.

Figure 31 is a flow diagram illustrating the processing of the new configuration component in one embodiment.

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Figure 32 is a flow diagram illustrating the processing of the new RFC&Q component in one embodiment.

Figure 33 is a flow diagram of the list of RFC&Qs component in one embodiment.

Figure 34 is a flow diagram of the list of verifications component. In block 3401, the component retrieves the list of verifications for the user and displays and that list.

Figure 35 is a flow diagram illustrating the processing of the layout design component in one embodiment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

A method and system for collecting operating conditions of a compression train from the potential purchaser, for presenting a compression train that satisfies those operating conditions, and for receiving a request for quotation for the presented compression train is provided. In one embodiment, the presentation system is implemented using a client/server architecture. The client systems are computers that may be located at the site of potential purchasers, and the server system is a computer that may be under the control of the seller. The server system provides to the client systems display pages of compression train-related information. These display pages allow users of the client systems to input desired operating conditions of the compression train. When the server system receives these operating conditions from client systems, it provides these operating conditions to a calculation engine to identify a compression train that satisfies the operating conditions. compression train includes the identification of the driver target, gearbox, and one or more compression casings along with various characteristics of the configuration such as discharge pressure, discharge temperature, and number of stages. The presentation system allows the user to submit requests for quotations to the seller for the identified compression train. If the calculation engine cannot identify a compression train that satisfies the operating characteristics, then the presentation system allows the user to submit the operating conditions (e.g., a configuration data set) to the seller so that the seller can manually identify a compression train that satisfies the operating conditions. The presentation system allows the user to define projects which can group alternative configuration data sets for a compression train. The presentation system also allows the user to specify verification data,

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which can verify the selected compressor train. In this way, the presentation system allows a potential purchaser to quickly determine whether the seller has a compression train that satisfies the requirements and to submit a request for proposal at that time. Also, the presentation system ensures that sufficient information to prepare a proposal is collected initially and thus, avoids the delays associated with receiving incomplete or inconsistent data.

Figures 1-28 illustrate display pages of the presentation system in one embodiment. Figure 1 illustrates the initial display page of the presentation system. The presentation system displays the initial display page after a user has logged on to the presentation system. The display page 100 includes menubar 101 with the menu items of list of projects 102, new configuration 103, new RFC&Q 104, and layout design 105. The list of projects menu item displays display pages related to currently defined projects and the configuration data sets within each project. The new configuration menu item allows a user to define a new configuration data set. The new RFC&Q menu item allows a user to define and submit a request for configuration and quotation to the seller of the compression train. The layout design menu item allows a user to design a layout for a proposed compression train and then view that layout.

Figures 2-5 illustrate the display pages related to the list of projects menu item. Figure 2 illustrates a display page with the list of currently defined projects for a user. Display page 200 includes menubar 201 and list of projects 202. Each project 203 includes a title, date, project description, rfq icon and selection radio button. The rfq icon indicates whether a request for quote has been sent. The selection radio button is used to select a project for further processing. The date indicates the day in which the project was created. The open button 204 is used to open a selected project. The rename button 205 and the delete button 206 are used to rename and delete the selected project. Figure 3 illustrates a display page with a list of configuration data sets for a project. Display page 300 is displayed when the open button 204 is selected. Display page 300 includes menubar 301, configuration data set listing 302, and project title 303. The configuration data set listing contains entry 304 for each configuration data set that is defined for the project. Each configuration data set entry includes a selection radio button, a configuration name, a creation date, an indication of the proposed composition of the compression train, a checklist button 304, a data sheet button 305, and request for quote button 306. The checklist button is used to display the checklist associated with the configuration data set. The checklist

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includes additional information needed to specify the scope of a request for quotation. The data sheet includes data for the proposed configuration. The request for quote button is used to submit a request for quotation based on the configuration data. The date field associated with the request for quotation indicates the date in which a request was submitted to the seller. The open button 307 is used to open the selected configuration data set. The rename button 308 and the delete button 309 are used to rename and delete the selected configuration data set.

Figure 4 illustrates a display page for the results of a configuration data set when a request for quotation has already been sent to a seller. Display page 400 includes menubar 401, configuration data set identification area 402, and configuration results area 403. The configuration results area includes proposed configuration 404 and configuration characteristics 405. The proposed configuration indicates a driver target, gearbox, and one or more composition casings associated with the various stages of the proposed compression train. The configuration characteristics include discharge pressure, discharge temperature, number of stages, actual discharge flow, power margin, and absorbed power at drive shaft. The modify button 407 is used to modify the configuration data set using the display page of Figure 6. The more data button 408 is used to display more detailed information about the configuration data set as illustrated by Figure 11. The layout composition button 409 is used to display a layout for the proposed configuration in PDF form. The view list of configurations button 410 is used to list the configurations associated with the project as indicated by Figure 3. Figure 5 illustrates a display page for the results of the configuration data set when a request for quotation has not been sent to a seller. This figure is similar to Figure 4.

Figures 6-12 illustrate display pages relating to the creating of a new configuration data set. Figure 6 illustrates a display page for input of general data for a configuration data set. Display page 600 includes menubar 601, plant general data area 602, environment conditions area 603, driver specifications area 604, and next button 605. The plant general data area includes the units for the data and an indication of the compression service. The environment conditions area includes environmental design pressure, design temperature, and relative humidity. The driver specifications area includes the driver type, model, gas turbine data, electrical frequency and compressor speed. The gas turbine data

includes fuel type. The next button is used to display the next display page for input of the configuration data. The following tables specify the contents of the fields of Figure 6.

PLANT GENERAL DATA

Name	Category	Valid Values List	Length/Type
Unit System	Input field	SI; U.S. system	CH*2 string,
Compression	Input filed	Gas Lift;	CH*8 string,
Service		Gas Processing &	left justified
		Recompression;	
		Gas Reinjection;	
		High Pressure Pipeline,	
		Fuel Gas;	
		Other;	
		Not specified	

ENVIRONMENT CONDITIONS

Name	Category	Valid Values List	Length/Type
Environmental	Input field	Asl; Environment Pressure	CH*4 string, left justified
Design Pressure	Input field	0:2500 SI	CH*10 string, integer
		0:8200 U.S. system	
Design Pressure	Input field	0.87:1.3 SI	CH*10 string, numerical
		12.61:18.5 U.S. system	
Design Temperature	Input field	-50: 60 SI	CH*10 string, numerical
		-58:140 U.S. system	
Relative Humidity	Input field	0:100	CH*10 string, numerical

DRIVER SPECIFICATION

Name	Category	Valid Values List	Length/Type
Driver type	Input field	Optimized	CH*3 string
		Optimized Electric Motor	
		Gas Turbine	
		Asynchronous Electric Motor	
		Synchronous Electric Motor	
		None	
Model	Input field	Optimized;	CH*8 string,
(GST only)		PGT5;	left justified
		PGT10;	
		GE10/2;	
		GE16;	
		LM2500;	
		LM2500+ HSPT;	
		FRAME 5C;	
		FRAME 5D	

Name	Category	Valid Values List	Length/Type
Model	Input field	Optimized;	CH*5 string, left justified
(AEM only)	_	1250;	
		2250;	
		5500;	
		7000;	
		8000;	
		12000;	
Model	Input field	Optimized;	CH*5 string, left justified
(SEM only)		7000;	
		8000;	
		12000;	
		16000;	
		20000;	
Fuel Type	Input field	Process gas	CH*3 string
(GST,OPD only)		Not specification	
		Natural gas	
		Given heat value	
		Given Fuel gas	
Electrical Frequency	Input field	50	CH*2 string
		60	
Compressor Speed	Input field	3000:20000	CH*10 string

Figure 7 illustrates a display page for input of compression data for a configuration data set. Display page 700 includes menubar 701, compression data area 702, compressor options area 703, interstage data area 704, and calculate button 705. The compression data area includes gas state equation selection, suction pressure, suction temperature, and processed gas composition selection button 706. The compressor options include number of stages, casing type information, and casing model and size information. The interstage data includes gas cooler discharge temperature, interstage pressure drop information, and interstage discharge pressures. The calculate button is used to submit the configuration data set to the calculation engine for identifying a compression train configuration that satisfies the configuration data set. The following tables further specify the contents of the fields of Figure 7.

COMPRESSION DATA

Name	Category	Valid Values List	Length/Type
Gas State	Input field	Optimized;	CH*3 string
Equation		BWR-Starling;	
		Lee-Kesler	
Nace	Input field	Yes;	CH*4 string
Application		Not	
Fuel Gas (FGS	Input field	Button	N/A
only)			
Fuel mole	Input field	>0	CH*6 string, numerical
weight (NGS			
only)	x . C 11		CITY (1 in a similar to the similar
Fuel low heat	Input field	>0	CH*6 string, numerical
value (LHV			
only)	T C.1.1	Desta	N/A
Process Gas	Input field	Button	
Handled Flow	Input field	Mass Flow;	CH*3 string
		Volume Flow;	
		Normal Flow (@1atm, 0°C	
		with SI only);	
		Standard Flow	
		(@14.7psia, 60°F with U.S	
	7 0 11	only)	CYTY10
	Input field	>0	CH*10 string, numerical
Suction	Input field	0:540 SI	CH*10 string, numerical
Pressure		0:7830 U.S. system	
Suction	Input field	-50:170 SI	CH*10 string, numerical
Temperature		-58:338 U.S. system	
Discharge	Input field	0:540 SI	CH*10 string, numerical
Pressure		0:7830 U.S. system	
Max	Input field	170 SI	CH*10 string, numerical
Temperature		338 U.S. system	

COMPRESSOR OPTIONS

Name	Category	Valid Values List	Length/Type
Stage Number	Input field	Optimized; 1,2,3,4	CH*1 string,
			numerical
Casing Type (according	to impellers arrang	ement)	
Horizontally Split	Input field	Yes; Not	CH*3 string
Back-to-Back	Input field	Yes; Not	CH*3 string
(not for Stage Number			
= 1)			
Double Flow	Input field	Yes; Not	CH*3 string
Max Peripheral Speed	Input field		CH*10 string,
of Impellers			numerical
If Nace Application =		280 SI	
No		918 U.S. system	
If Nace Application =		250 SI	
Yes		821 U.S. system	
Stages ompression Rati	o as % of 1st Stage	Compression Ratio (for the inc	dicated number of stages)
2 nd Stage	Input field	N/A	CH*10 string,
			numerical
3 rd Stage	Input field	N/A	CH*10 string,
			numerical
4 th Stage	Input field	N/A	CH*10 string,
			numerical
Casing Model and Size	(for the "actual" nu	mber of casing)	
1 st Casing Model	Input field	Optimized	CH*4 string, right
		MCL	justified
		2MCL	
		DMCL	
		BCL	
		2BCL	
		DBCL	
1 st Casing Size	Input field	Optimized	CH*4 string, left
(MCL types)		350	justified
		450	
		500	
		600	
		800	
		1000	
		1400	
		1800	

INTERSTAGE DATA

Name	Category	Valid Values List	Length/Type
Gas Cooler Discharge	Input field	55 SI	CH*10 string, numerical
Temperature		131 U.S. system	
Max Stage Suction	Input field	120 SI	CH*10 string, numerical
Temperature		348 U.S. system	
	o as % of Inlet Pressure (o	nly for the indicated r	number of stages)
Between 1 st & 2 nd	Input field	2.5	CH*10 string, numerical
Stages			
Between 2 nd & 3 rd	Input field	2.5	CH*10 string, numerical
Stages			
Between 3 rd & 4 th	Input field	2.5	CH*10 string, numerical
Stages			
Interstage Discharge Pre	essures (only for the indica	ted number of stages)
1 st Stage	Input field	N/A	CH*10 string, numerical
2 nd Stage	Input field	N/A	CH*10 string, numerical
3 rd Stage	Input field	N/A	CH*10 string, numerical

Figure 8 illustrates a display page for input of fuel gas composition information. Display page 800 includes menubar 801, water content area 802, gas composition information area 803, and confirm button 804. The water content area includes reference humidity, reference temperature, water, and reference pressure. The gas composition information indicates each gas component, quantity, and type of measures. The confirm button is used to confirm that the information entered is correct and return to the display page of Figure 6. Figure 9 illustrates a display page for input of processed gas composition information. This display page is similar to the display page represented by Figure 8. The following tables further illustrate the contents of Figures 8 and 9.

WATER CONTENT DATA

Name	Valid Values List	Category	Length/Type
Reference humidity	0:100	Input field	CH*10 string, numerical
Reference temperature	-50:170 SI -58:338 U.S. system	Input field	CH*10 string, numerical
Reference pressure	0:500 SI 0:7250 U.S. system	Input field	CH*10 string, numerical
Water	%	Input field	CH*10 string, numerical

GAS COMPOSITION DATA

Name	Valid Values List	Category	Length/Type
Component Name	Methane	Input field	CH*4 string, left justified
•	Ethane		
	Propane		
	normal Butane		
	iso Butane		
	normal Pentane		
	iso Pentane		
	neo Pentane		
	normal Hexane		
	methyl Pentane 2		
	methyl Pentane 3		
	dimethyl Butane 2,2		
	dimethyl Butane 2,3		
	normal Heptane		
	normal Octane		
V 200	Ethylene		
	Propylene		
	Gas Name		
	1-Butene		
	cis 2-Butene		
	trans 2-Butene		
	iso Butene		
	Air (as pure		
	component)		
	Helium		
	Argon		
	Hydrogen		
	Nitrogen		
	Oxygen		
	Hydrogen Sulfide		
	Carbon Monoxide		
	Carbon Dioxide		
	Sulfur Dioxide		
	Nitric Oxide		
Quantity	%	Input field	CH*10 string, numerical
Type of measures	Mole; Weight	Input field	CH*10 string, numerical

Figure 10 illustrates a display page for output of the configuration results. Display page 1000 includes menubar 1001, configuration data set identification area 1002, and configuration results area 1003. The save button 1006 is used to save a configuration and return to the display page of Figure 12. The modify button 1007 is used to modify a configuration and return to the display page of Figure 7. The more data button 1008 is used

to display more detailed information about the configuration data set as illustrated by Figure 11. The layout composition button 1009 is used to display a layout for the proposed configuration in PDF form. This display page is similar to the display page of Figure 5.

Figure 11 illustrates a display page that displays more detailed configuration results data. Display page 1100 includes menubar 1101, driver data area 1103, compression data area 1104, casing data area 1105, and back button 1106. The following tables further illustrate the field of display page 1100.

DRIVER DATA

Name	Category	Valid Values	Length/Type
		List	
Discharge Pressure	Output field	decimal >0	CH*10
			numerical
Driver Model (Driver Target)	Output field		CH*12 string
Actual Discharge Flow	Output field		As input
Absorbed Power at Driver shaft	Output field	decimal >0	CH*10
(all losses included)			numerical
Power Margin (referred to	Output field	decimal	CH*10
Absorbed Power at Driver)			numerical
Electrical Frequency (only if	Output field		
electric motor)			

COMPRESSION DATA

Name	Category	Valid Values List	Length/Type
Molecular Weight (Inlet Mole	Output field	decimal >0	CH*10
Weight)	_		numerical
Handled Flow Type	Output field	decimal >0	CH*10
			numerical
Stage Conditions (i=1:4 is the sta	ige number)		
Suction Pressure	Output field	decimal >0	CH*10
	_		numerical
Suction Temperature	Output field	decimal	CH*10
			numerical
Suction Actual Flow	Output field	decimal >0	CH*10
			numerical
Discharge Pressure	Output field	decimal >0	CH*10
			numerical
Discharge Temperature	Output field	decimal	CH*10
	_		numerical
Discharge Actual Flow	Output field	decimal >0	CH*10
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Impellers Number	Output field	1:9	CH*2 numerical
Speed	Output field	decimal >0	CH*10
•	-		numerical
Politropic Efficiency	Output field	decimal 0:100	CH*10
	_		numerical
Casings (i=1:3 is the casing numb	per)		
Model	Output field	N/A	CHA*4 string
Size	Output field	N/A	CHA*4 string
Rating	Output field	N/A	CHA*5
			numerical
Type	Output field	N/A	CHA*2
Impellers Number	Output field	decimal >0	CH*2 numerical

Figure 12 illustrates a display page for saving the configuration data set. Display page 1200 includes menubar 1201, project identification area 1202, configuration data set identification area 1203, and OK button 1204. The user inputs the name of an existing or new project and the name of an existing or new configuration data set and selects the OK button to save the configuration data set.

Figures 13-16 illustrate display pages for entry of a new RFC&Q data set. Figure 13 illustrates a display page for entry of general data for a new RFC&Q. Display page 1300 includes menubar 1301, plant general data area 1302, environment conditions area 1303, and driver specifications area 1304. The web page also includes the next button 1306. This display page is analogous to the display page of Figure 6 for entry of new configuration data. Figure 14 illustrates a display page for entry of compression related data for a new RFC&Q data set. Display page 1400 includes menubar 1401, compression data area 1402, compressor options data area 1404, and interstage data area 1405. The compression data area includes processed gas composition selection button 1403. The display page also includes next button 1406. This display page is analogous to the display page of Figure 7 for entry of new configuration data. Figure 15 illustrates a display page that shows summary data before saving the RFC&Q data. Display page 1500 includes menubar 1501, RFC&Q identification area 1502, general data area 1503, and compression data area 1504. The display page also includes save button 1505 and modify button 1506. The modify button is used to modify the RFC&Q data using the display page of Figure 13. Figure 16 illustrates a display page showing summary data after saving the RFC&Q data. Display page 1600 is

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similar to display page 1500 except that the RFC button 1606 and the view list of RFC&Q button 1608 are provided.

Figures 17-18 illustrate display pages for viewing RFC&Q data. Figure 17 illustrates a display page showing the RFC&Q data that has been defined. Display page 1700 includes menubar 1701, project title area 1702, list of RFC&Q data area 1703, and RFC&Q data entry 1704. This display page is similar to the display page of Figure 3 for configuration data sets. Figure 18 illustrates a display page with summary data for an RFC&Q data set for which no RFQ has been submitted. Display page 1800 is similar to display page 1600.

Figures 19-22 illustrate display pages related to verification of RFQs. Figure 19 illustrates a display page that lists verifications for RFC&Q data. Display page 1900 includes menubar 1901, RFC&Q identification area 1902, verification list 1903, and verification entry 1904. Each of the verification entries includes a selection radio button, verification name, creation date, and description area. The display page also includes an open button 1905, rename button 1906, delete button 1907, new verification button 1908, RFQ button 1909, and view list of RFC&Qs button 1910. The open button allows a user to view and modify the data associated with the selected verification. The rename and delete buttons are used to rename or delete the selected verification. The new verification button is used to define a new verification. The RFQ button is used to submit a request for quotation for all the verifications, and the view list of RFC&Q button is used to display the list as indicated by the Figure 17. Figure 20 illustrates a display page for entry of a new verification. Display page 2000 includes menubar 2001, plant general data area 2002, environment conditions area 2003, and driver specifications area 2004. This display page is similar to the display page of Figure 6 for entry of configuration data. Figure 21 illustrates a display page for entry of compression related verification data. Display page 2100 is similar to display page 700 for entry of configuration data. Figure 22 illustrates the display page for showing summary data for a verification. Display page 2200 is similar to display page 800 for configuration data.

Figure 23 illustrates a display page for specifying a layout design. Display page 2300 includes menubar 2301, project data area 2302, driver specifications area 2303, and compressor casings area 2304. This display page is used to define the layout for the proposed compression train. The user selects the driver specifications and compressor

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casings for the configuration. When a user selects the design button 2305 to view a PDF form of the layout. Figure 24 illustrates a display page displaying a PDF form of the layout.

Figures 25-27 illustrate display pages for entry of additional information for a checklist associated with an RFQ. Figure 25 illustrates display page for an RFQ checklist for a compressor without the driver. Figure 26 illustrates a display page for entry of an RFQ checklist with an electric motor. Figure 27 illustrates a display page for entry of an RFQ checklist with a turbocompressor. Figure 28 illustrates a display page for submitting an RFQ. Display page 2800 includes menubar 2801, configuration identification area 2802, and additional information area 2803. The user selects the send request button 2806 to send the request to the seller. The user selects the view checklist button 2804 to view the checklist associated with the RFQ. The user selects the view data sheet button 2805 to view the data sheet associated with the RFQ. The user selects the view configuration results button 2807 to view the results of the configuration.

Figure 29 is a block diagram illustrating the components of the presentation system in The presentation system includes client computers 2901 and server one embodiment. computer 2903 that are interconnected via the Internet 2902. The computers may include a central processing unit, memory unit, input devices (e.g., keyboard and pointing devices), output devices (e.g., display devices), and storage devices (e.g., disk drives). The memory and storage devices are computer-readable media that may contain instructions that implement the presentation system. In addition, the data structures and message structures may be stored or transmitted via data transmission media such as a signal on a communications link. Communication channels other than the Internet may be used, such as local area network, wide area networks, or point-to-point dial-up connections. The client computers may include a standard web browser for viewing display pages (e.g., web pages) provided by the server system. In one embodiment, the server system includes a server engine 2904, list of projects component 2905, new configuration component 2906, new RFC&Q component 2907, layout design component 2908, customer database 2909, project database 2910, configuration database 2911, and RFC&Q database 2912. The server engine receives requests for display pages from the client computers, invokes the appropriate components of the presentation system, and sends the display pages generated by the invoked

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components to the client computers. The list of project component controls the creation and management of projects for the presentation system. This component is invoked when the list of projects menu item is selected. The new configuration component controls the creation of new configuration data sets. This component is invoked when the new configuration menu item is selected. The new RFC&Q component creates a new request for configuration and quotation data sets. This component is invoked when the user selects the new RFC&Q menu item. The layout design component controls the creating of a layout design. The layout design component is invoked when the user selects the layout design menu item. The various databases contain information defining authorized customers, defined projects, defined configuration data sets, and defined RFC&Q data sets.

Figure 30 is a flow diagram illustrating the processing of the list of projects component in one embodiment. In block 3001, the component retrieves the list of projects defined for the user from the project database and displays that list to the user. In decision block 3002, if the user selects the rename or delete button, then the component continues at block 3003. In block 3003, the component controls the renaming or deleting of the selected project and then the loops to block 3001 to display the list of projects. In decision block 3002, if the user selects the open button, then the component continues at block 3004. In block 3004, the component retrieves the list of configurations defined in the configuration database for the selected project. In decision block 3005, if the user selects the rename or delete button, then the component continues at block 3006. In block 3006, the component renames or deletes the selected configuration data set and loops to block 3004 to display the list of configuration data sets. In decision block 3005, if the user indicates to list the RFC&Qs, then the component continues at block 3007 to list the RFC&Qs for the selected project. In decision block 3005, if the user selects the open button, then the component continues at block 3008. In decision block 3008, if an RFQ has been sent for the selected configuration data set, then the component continues with the appropriate processing as indicated by the ellipses, else the component continues at block 3009. In block 3009, the component displays the summary data for the selected configuration data set. In decision block 3010, if the user selects more data, then the component displays more detailed information about the configuration results in block 3011 and continues at block 3009. In decision block 3010, if the user selects to design the layout information, then the component

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continues to display the layout design in PDF form 3012. In decision block 3010, if the user selects the new configuration button, the component invokes the new configuration component in block 3013. In decision block 3010, if the user selects to send a request for quotation, then the component sends the request for quotation in block 3014.

Figure 31 is a flow diagram illustrating the processing of the new configuration component in one embodiment. In block 3101, the component inputs the general configuration data for a new configuration data set. If the user selects the next button, then the component continues at block 3104. In block 3104, the component inputs the compression data for the configuration data set. In decision block 3105, if the user selects the fuel gas button (only when this button is displayed), then the component inputs the fuel gas data composition data in block 3103 and loops to block 3104. In decision block 3105, if the user selects the process gas button, then the component continues at block 3106 to input the process gas composition data and loops to block 3104. In decision block 3105, if the user selects the calculate button, then the component continues at block 3107. In block 3107, the component identifies a compression train that satisfies the new configuration data set. In decision block 3108, if a compression train was identified that satisfies the configuration data set, then the component continues at block 3111, else the component continues at block 3109. In block 3109, the component displays an error. In decision block 3110, if the user indicates to go back to the input display page, then the component continues at block 3101, else the component continues to allow the user to submit an RFC&Q. In block 3111, the component displays the configuration results. In decision block 3112, if the user selects the more data button, then the component displays the more detailed configuration results data in block 3113 and continues at block 3111. In decision block 3112, if the user selects the layout design button, then the component invokes the layout design PDF form. In decision block 3112, if the user selects the save button, then the component saves the project in block 3115 and continues at block 3111. In decision block 3112, if the user selects the modify button, then the component loops to block 3101 to modify the configuration data.

Figure 32 is a flow diagram illustrating the processing of the new RFC&Q component in one embodiment. In block 3201, the component inputs the general RFC&Q data for the data set. If the user selects the next button, then the component continues at block 3204. In block 3204, the component inputs the RFC&Q compression data. In decision block 3205, if the user selects the fuel gas button (only when this button is displayed), then

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the component inputs the fuel gas composition data in block 3203 and loops to block 3204. In decision block 3205, if the user selects the process gas button, the component inputs the process gas composition data in block 3206 and loops to block 3204. In decision block 3205, if the user selects the next button, then the component continues at block 3207. In block 3207, the component displays the summary before saving data for the RFC&Q data. In decision block 3208, if the user selects the save button, then the component continues at block 3209. In block 3209, the component displays the summary after saving data. In decision block 3210, if the user selects the RFQ button, then the component sends an RFQ to the seller in block 3211 and continues at block 3207. In decision block 3210, if the user selects the list of verifications component in block 3212. In decision block 3210, if the user selects the view list of RFC&Q button, then the component invokes the list of RFC&Q button, then the component invokes the list of RFC&Q button, then the component invokes the list of RFC&Q component in block 3213. In decision block 3210, if the user selects the modify button, the component continues at block 3201.

Figure 33 is a flow diagram of the list of RFC&Qs component in one embodiment. In block 3301, the component retrieves and displays the list of RFC&Qs for the user. In decision block 3302, if the user selects the rename or delete button, then the component renames or deletes the selected RFC&Q and continues at block 3301. In decision block 3302, if the user selects the list of configuration button, then the component invokes the list of configuration component in block 3304. In decision block 3302, if the user selects the open button, then the component continues at block 3305. In block 3305, if an RFQ has been sent for the selected RFC&Q data set, the component continues at the ellipses, else the component continues at block 3306. In block 3306, the component displays the RFC&Q summary data for the selected RFC&Q data set. In decision block 3307, if the user selects the list of RFC&Os, then the component continues at block 3301. In decision block 3307, if the user selects the RFQ button, then the component sends the RFQ in block 3308 and loops to block 3301. In decision block 3307, if the user selects the list of verification button, then the component invokes the list of verification component in block 3309. In decision block 3307, the user selects the new RFC&Q button, then the component invokes the new RFC&Q component in block 3310. In decision block 3307, if the user selects the rename button, then the component renames the RFC&Q data set in block 3311 and then continues at block 3306.

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Figure 34 is a flow diagram of the list of verifications component. In block 3401, the component retrieves the list of verifications for the user and displays that list. In decision block 3402, if the user selects the rename or delete button, then the component renames or deletes the selected verification block 3404 and continues at block 3401. In decision block 3402, if the user selects the RFQ button, then the component sends the RFQ for the selected verification in block 3405. In decision block 3402, if the user selects the list of RFC&Qs button, then the component invokes the list of RFC&Qs component in block 3403. In decision block 3402, if the user selects the new verification button, then the component continues at block 3406. In block 3406, the component inputs the general data for a verification data set. In decision block 3407, if the user selects the fuel gas button, then the component inputs the fuel gas composition in block 3408 and continues at block 3406. In decision block 3407, if the user selects the next button, then the component continues at block 3409. In block 3409, the component inputs the verification compression data. In decision block 3410, if the user selects the process gas button, then the component inputs the process gas composition in block 3411 and continues at block 3409. In decision block 3410, if the user selects the next button, then the component continues at block 3412. In block 3412, the component displays the verification summary data. In decision block 3413, if the user selects the modify button, then the component continues at block 3406 to modify the verification data. In decision block 3413, if the user selects save button, then the component saves the verification data in block 3414 and continues at block 3401.

Figure 35 is a flow diagram illustrating the processing of a layout design component in one embodiment. In block 3501, the component inputs the layout design. If the user selects the design button the component displays the PDF form of the layout top and front views in block 3502 and continues at block 3501.

From this description, it will be appreciated that although specific embodiments of the presentation system have been described for purposes of illustration, various modifications may be made without deviating for the spirit and scope of the invention. Accordingly, the invention is described by the appended claims.